

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and,

Whereas, Prevention of mental health and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and,

Whereas, Preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and,

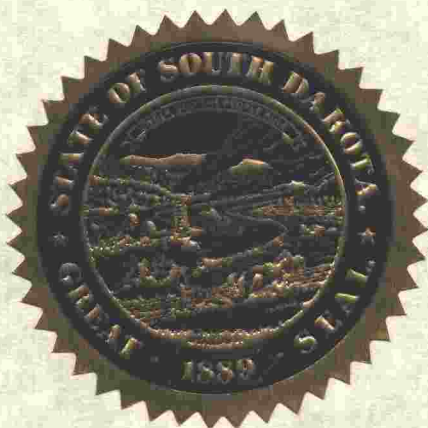
Whereas, We must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery services; and,

Whereas, In 2012, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 34.1 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach those who need help:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon the people of South Dakota to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's Recovery Month.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State